

RICHLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, ND
March 23, 2015

The Richland County Water Resource Board (RCWRB) met March 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton, North Dakota.

THOSE PRESENT: Managers Arv Burvee, James Haugen, Don Moffet, Robert Rostad, Engineering Technician Justin Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Monica Zentgraf.

Minutes

It was moved by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Vouchers

A motion was made by Mgr. Haugen and seconded by Mgr. Rostad to approve Vouchers #16787 through #16816 and the electronic funds transfer for the IRS payment. The motion carried unanimously.

Mail

1. ND Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRF)- Minutes of the May 8, 2014 annual meeting and notice of the May 6, 2015 annual meeting (w/accompanying documents). A motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Haugen authorizing Chr. Moffet to sign the Proxy for the Chairperson of the NDRF Board of Directors to attend and vote for the RCWRD on business as it may properly come before the meeting in conformance with the directions of the majority of the NDRF Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.
2. North Dakota Water Users- Legislative Report #12
3. Red River Retention Authority- Minutes of the March 13, 2015 meeting and agenda for the March 25, 2015 meeting.

Engineer Bassingthwaite met with the Board for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

***Proj #15 Reconstruction**

Engineer Bassingthwaite presented the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit to the Board and reviewed the mitigation conditions included in the permit.

Conditions:

*The RCWRD will be responsible for offsetting impacts to 0.4 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The USACE determined the project should be self-mitigating and no additional mitigation will be required as long as wetlands establish.

*To ensure the success of the mitigation, the RCWRD will be responsible for submitting annual monitoring reports for five years following project construction. The reports are due on November 1 after the first growing season following completion of construction and shall continue until the NDRO has determined the mitigation is successful.

*If wetlands fail to re-establish/establish in the drain bottom within the first two growing seasons, the RCWRD must agree to undertake remedial action to promote wetland development. If on-site efforts fail for the next two years, the RCWRD must agree to provide acceptable mitigation at an alternative site or through purchasing credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program.

Upon review of the conditions, and in order to continue with the reconstruction of Proj #15 as planned, a motion was made by Mgr. Burvee and seconded by Mgr. Rostad authorizing Chr. Moffet to sign the USACE permit for the Proj #15 reconstruction. The motion carried unanimously. (RCWRD #12-192)

***Detention**

Engineer Bassingthwaite recommended re-evaluating the sites on Projs #65 and #95 after the Red River Retention Authority sets the criteria for the RCPP funding at their March 25th meeting. The Managers agreed. A meeting with Proj #15 landowners was scheduled for April 10th to gauge interest in a detention site within that watershed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chr. Moffet adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Zentgraf
Secretary

Don Moffet
Chairman of the Board